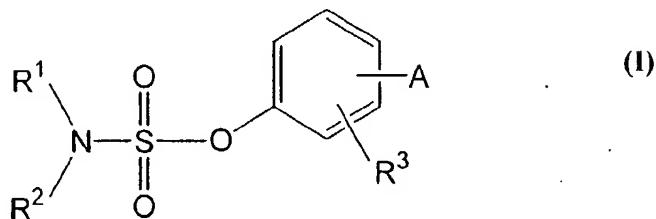


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

### **Claims 1-17 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 18 (Previously Presented)** A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts:

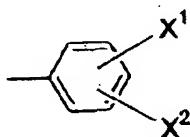


wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> each independently represent a hydrogen atom;

R<sup>3</sup> represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, -OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, a lower alkanoylamino group, a nitro group or a cyano group; and

A represents a group represented by the following formula:



where X<sup>1</sup> and X<sup>2</sup> each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a halogen-substituted lower alkyl group, a cyano-substituted lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkanoyloxy group, an organic sulfonyloxy group, an amino group, a lower alkanoylamino group, -NHSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>1</sup>R<sup>2</sup>, an organic sulfonylamino group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group or a lower alkoxy carbonyl group,

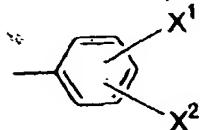
or a naphthyl group;

provided that, when  $R^3$  represents a hydrogen atom, either  $X^1$  or  $X^2$  represents a group which is not a hydrogen atom.

**Claim 19 (Previously Presented)** A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 18 wherein  $R^3$  represents a hydrogen atom or a halogen atom.

**Claim 20 ( Previously Presented )** A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 18 wherein A is located at the 4-position.

**Claim 21 (Currently Amended)** A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 18 wherein A represents a group represented by the following formula:



where  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a halogen-substituted lower alkyl group, a cyano-substituted lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a lower alkanoyloxy group, an organic sulfonyloxy group, an amino group, a lower alkanoylamino group, -  $NHSO_2NR^1R^2$ , an organic sulfonylamino group, a nitro-group, a cyano group, a carboxyl group or a lower alkoxy carbonyl group.

**Claim 22 ( Previously Presented )** A compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salts as claimed in claim 20 wherein  $X^1$  and  $X^2$  are each located at the 2- or 4-position of the phenyl group.

**Claim 23 ( Previously Presented)** A steroid sulfata~~se~~ inhibitor containing a steroid sulfatase-inhibiting amount of a compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 18.

**Claim 24 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 25 ( Previously Presented)** A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 18, and a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant.

**Claim 26 (Currently Amended)** A method for the treatment of breast cancer, which comprises administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a compound of Formula [I] or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 18, to a human being in need thereof.